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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH DND EVALUATION THAT AFGHANISTAN
LAW ENFORCEMENT PROJECT PROCEEDING WELL. RECENT OBSERVA-
TIONS BY US NARCOTICS OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH NEW DELHI
CONFERENCE INDICATE UNFDAC MAKING SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN
STRENGTHENING AFGHAN LAW ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY. DEPARTMENT
THEREFORE GRATIFIED THAT UNFDAC CONSIDERING EXTENSION AND
EXPANSION OF PROGRAM.

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2. WE BELIEVE AFGHANISTAN'S NEEDS FOR NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE MERIT HIGHEST PRIORITY, AND WE NOTE THAT UNFDAC, BY VIRTUE OF ITS INTERNATIONAL CHARACTER, IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO SATISFY THEM. WE WOULD HOPE UNFDAC LEADERSHIP MIGHT SHARE OUR VIEW OF PROJECT'S PRIORITY AND SINGULAR APPROPRIATENESS OF UNFDAC INVOLVEMENT.

3. WE THEREFORE QUESTION WISDOM OF UNFDAC LIMITING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO 200,000 DOLLARS OVER NEXT YEAR, IF 300,000 DOLLARS COULD BE UTILIZED EFFECTIVELY. IF IDEA IS TO USE THIS APPROACH AS MEANS TO ENCOURAGE SAUDI ARABIA TO CONTRIBUTE TO

FUND, IT WOULD APPEAR REASONABLE, AND MIGHT EVEN BE USED VIS-A-VIS IRAN. WE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, WISH TO SEE AFGHANISTAN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM OPERATED AT LEVEL BELOW ITS ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY SHOULD SUCH SOLICITATIONS FAIL, PARTICULARLY WHEN UNFDAC ACKNOWLEDGES IT HAS OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN UNCOMMITTED FUNDS.

4. MISSION REQUESTED TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO APPROPRIATE UNFDAC OFFICIALS AND ADVISE RE RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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